MARGARET COMICS

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Tsuki no Shippo.
Chapter 15

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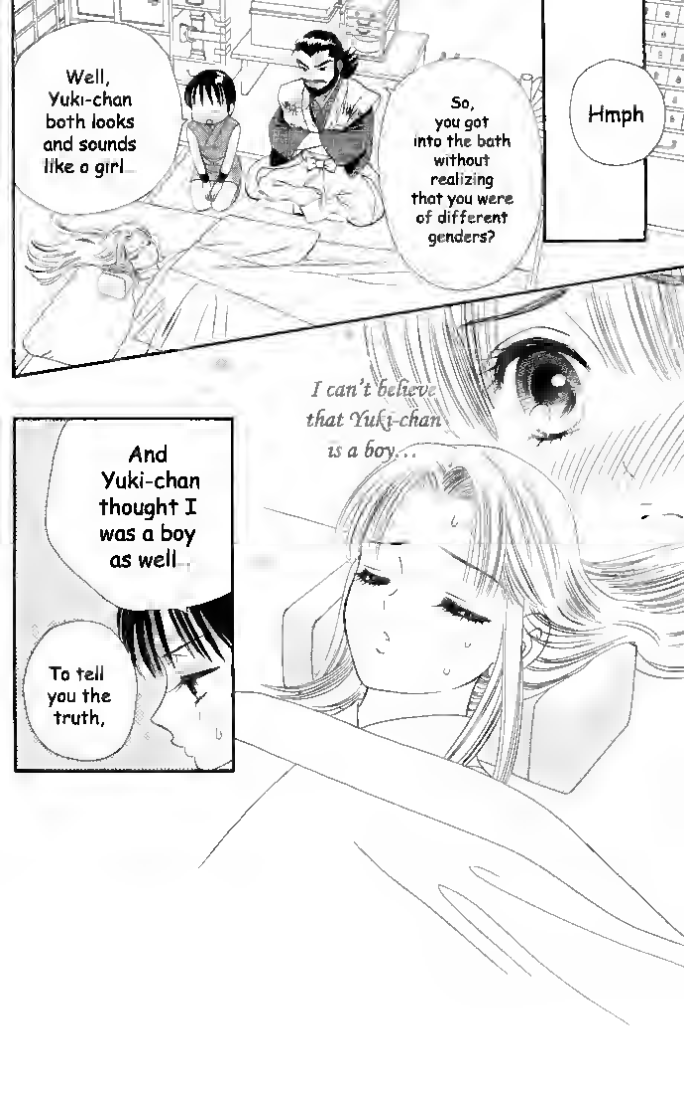
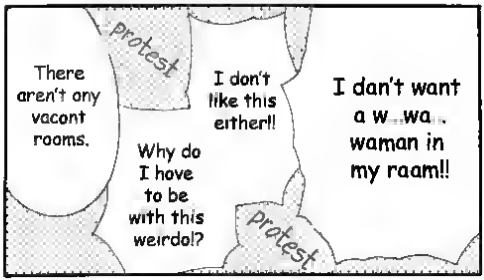

Well, Yuki-chan both looks and sounds like a girl...
So, you got into the bath without realizing that you were of different genders?
Hmph
I can't believe that Yuki-chan is a boy...
And Yuki-chan thought I was a boy as well...
To tell you the truth,

It took him 2 years to get used to her.
But he was fine in front of your wife...
EEH!?
Eh?
Yukimaru has a morbid fear of females.
He hates being near any other women
The only women Yukimaru will treat are the wives of the lord's servants, and only when ordered to do so by him.
Un...
Yes, Yukimaru IS weird.
That's weird!!
Get away!!
How DARE you deceive me!!
PLUNK
Ack
A wo... woman!!
POP
Ah, you're awake!?

YELL
YELL
You owe ME an apology!!
Stop this...
It sure is noisy in here...
stir
Stop
Father
Father
L...Lord!!
W...Well, you thought I was a woman...
What a rude woman you are!!
Apologize!!
Weren't YOU the one who made the mistake by thinking I was a man!?
Yes, right away!
Over here.
Usagi
starting taday your sleeping quarters will be in here.
Make friends with Yukimaru, okay?
EEEE!!


protest
There aren't any vacant rooms.
I don't like this either!!
Why do I have to be with this weirdo!?
protest
I dan't want a w...wa... waman in my raam!!

The Takugawa family is paar sa please try and bear with the circumstances.
Sigh
Nahaha
L Lord...
P...Poor!?
I'm really having a problem with this...
But you have such nice ears?!

*plump ears apparently suggest good luck/fortune

Would you like to sleep here?
Yeah!!
Iga, Segachi
Na
What's wrong Mamezou?
Need to use the toilet?
Hanzou-samaaa...
I can't sleep
I...
pyuuu
Eheh
You're having trouble sleeping because Usagi is gone, aren't you?
I...
sob sob
I feel so sarry for Usa-samaaa...
U...
I'm sorry! I shouldn't have brought it up
AAAAAAA

Sorry for her?
She's all alone...
She...
Uwaaaan
She's not alone
Ieyasu-sama is in Hamamatsu as well as some of my relatives
Buuut-
If you're lonely, you should write Usagi a letter
I don't know how to writiiite
WAAAAAA
I'll teach you
You like Usagi a lot, don't you?
Really!?
Yeah
a whole lot!!

DISTRESSED
disappear
Don't talk to me!!
Hey Yuki-chan, why do you hate women?
Y You got that!?
You You are absolutely NEVER to cross over to my side!
Yuki-chan really is a weirdo!!
Fine then.
Good-night!!
But how could he think I was a boy ..
I WAS wrong for mistaking that he was a girl
Do I really look that much like a boy?
You're a wo man!?
Come to think of it, Yuun also thought I was a boy at first...

I can't sleep!!
Wide awake
I wonder if Hanzou-sama and the rest have reached Iga yet?
turn
If I was more girly Hanzou-sama might not have tossed me aside...
toss
I've always slept while hugging Gozmon or Mamezou...
Now that I think about it, I've never slept alone before...
WOOD MONSTERS!!
UGYAA

shiver
shiver
It's bullying to make me sleep with a woman in my room!! It's a conspiracy....
Yu... Yuki-chaaan...
creak
!!
Wha
I'm sorry!!
Let me sleep with you!!
EEK
GLOMP
I can't sleep unless I'm hugging somebody!!
I'm sorry!!

What's she trying to do to me!?
Ah. As I thought, I feel better...
DOKI
DOKI
This woman...
DOKI
DOKI
She could be using some ninja technique to win me over so she can get the prescriptions for my secret remedies!!
This woman is a female ninja from Iga!!
Th-That's right.
Zzzzzz
Zzzzz
Zzzzz
As I thought, it IS a conspiracy!!
The lord is waiting!!
How long are you going to sleep!?
SLIDE
Chirp
Chirp

You...You two really are...
Really!?
N...
GAWK
WAH!
zzzz
zzz
This woman barged in here and grabbed on to me...
husky voice
It's not how it looks...
Nnaa... G'morning...
Well, this is probably the natural flow of things...
UWAH! A WOMAN!!
Ahem

Don't touch me! I don't have a fever!!
Annoyed
Did you catch a cold Yuki-chan?
I see, your voice has changed
Eh ?
Huh
husky
Hm?
I see I see
Yukimaru, your voice sounds odd
husky
You've got it all wrong!!
husky
My voice has changed !?
Wow, I've never seen someone's voice change so fast before
Don't you smile at me!!
SMILE
With that voice you won't be mistaken for a girl anymore.
That's great
Get dressed at once and present yourselves before the lord!!
I don't feel like myself
Such Such a strange voice
He's been mad all morning.

You've finally become a man!!
WHA!?
So that girl is Yukimaru's lover!?
Oh, and your voice has changed too!?
What are you talking about!?
trot
trot
trot
trot
Pout
Pout
speed walking
Wait! Yuki-chaaan
She's not my lover
They mean me!?
Eh!?
He's in your hands from now on
You're the only one who can make Yukimaru a respectable man!!
Well you're WEIRDER!!
Haven't you realized!?
Well you ARE
That's new
rush
rush
Yukimaru is talking to a woman
Eh
Weird!?
How rude!!
And while it's certainly true that Yuki-chan is weird, it has nothing to do with me
That's right

WAAAA! Breakfast!!
I am terribly sorry
The food is completely cold
You two are late.
clink
I'm gonna dig in
this morning I'll let Usagi do it
Alright,
WAHOO! Here I go!!
Lord
Come and try a bite of everything, Usagi
Eh? But isn't this breakfast?
What do you mean by eating all of it!?
Thanks for the food!!
Eh
EMPTY
It's the LORD'S breakfast!
SHOVEL SHOVEL
SLUUURP
But that is my job
I want Usagi to learn everything about your job

It's an honorable job that requires the lord's trust!!
Taste-tester?
It's your job to be my taste-tester and take a bite of each dish of my meal.

No...
Are you afraid?
I can't be a taste-tester.

I'm so envious that poisons are ineffective on you.
Perhaps I should start such training
Hmmm...
Please do not!!
From the time they are very small, shinobi train their bodies to become used to poisons by continually consuming them in small quantities
Poisons don't work on you? That's ridiculous
Poisons don't work on me and when I'm hungry I can't stop eating once I've started.
WHAT!?

And then we roast fish in the hearth!!
It's about breakfast time in Iga too.
I have brought another helping.
Usagi,
what kind of food do they have in Iga?
Ummmm... Brown rice with tofu and pickled plums, quail eggs with black sesame seeds and sometimes raw sugar.
Oh, what wonderfully healthy cuisine. They say that dark colored foods are very good for the body.
I wonder... if they are all gathered around the hearth and enjoying themselves as usual...
I like fish as well.
I especially like Tai
Lord, the food is fine. Here you are.
Ah, finally.
Lord-sama, how long do I have to stay here?
For life.

N- No way!
For LIFE!?
I can never-ever go back to Iga!?
I don't wont to be unable to see Honzou-somo!
NO!
Well, how 'bout I let you go home for New Years?
If that's the case
I'll let you go back if you can make me a medicine for eternal youth.

E_eternal youth
Do you mean o medicine to prevent deoth!?
Yukimaru is researching it too, but has made no progress.
I'll have you two work together to complete it.
A medicine for eternal youth...
That sort of thing is...
Yukimoru, you'll hove to conquer your fear of women if you wont to succeed in life
Cooperote with a wo_woman!?
U—

KA-SHI-M
Wah
No good
Nope
That'd be dangerous
Umm...
I don't usually have to think this hard!
Ueeeen... All this thinking is making my head hurt.
You said it.
Impossible, right!?
If I don't make a medicine for eternal youth I can't go back to Iga.
What do I doooo?
WAH
CATCH
Why don't you hug THIS while you sleep!?
A huggy pillow
Did you make this Yuki-chan?
If you latch onto me again, I'll die.
Then I will †---
Oh,
going to bed already Yuki-chan?

.....
I'll draw Hanzou-sama's fa-ace ♪
Hanzou-sama?
Yuki-chan give me something to write with
Not mustached Hanzou-sama! I was trying to draw Iga's Hanzou-sama!!
Didn't you forget to draw in his mustache?
UWAAA His face is all weird!!
I want to go back to Iga
Yeah
The person I love the most...
Iga's Hanzou-sama...?
Iga, where Hanzou-sama is...

A medicine for eternal youth would HAVE to come from the flesh of a mermaid
How should I know?
Why don't you ask Yukimaru?
A mermaid? What's that?
Isn't that just a legend?
It's a being who is half-human, half-fish
Yuki-chan says he doesn't know either
I'm gonna make that eternal youth medicine and go back to Iga no matter WHAT!!
Hey hey, what sort of medicinal herb should I use to make a medicine for eternal youth!?
No way!
Did she really believe me...!?
AHAHAHA
DASH
Thank you!!
Uuh...if you head south you'll reach it pretty qui...
Where are the mermaids?
The sea!?
Which way's the sea!?
The sea

If I catch one I can go home to Iga!!
Mermaids!!
Could they look like this?
Or maybe like this!?
huff
huff
The outside world sure has weird creatures...
Half-human and half-fish, huh...
There's no way they exist
swish
swish
swish
SPREAD

*letter reads "How are"

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Look look!
It's the first letter I've ever written!
It's wonderful Mamezou.
Eheh ♡
ARE YOU WELL?
I WONDER IF YOU BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST ME FOR LEAVING YOU IN HAMAMATSU...
I DID IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU COULD SERVE THE WORLD BETTER AS A MEDICINE MAKER THAN BY BECOMING A SHINOBI.

IT MAY BE DIFFICULT AND LONELY FOR YOU TO BE BEPARATED FROM IGA RIGHT NOW, BUT IF IEYASU SAMA PERMITS IT
OR PERHAPS, A YEAR, I WILL BE SURE TO COME FOR YOU SO UNTIL THEN DEVOTE YOURSELF TO NOT BEING A BOTHER TO EVERYONE
IN SIX MONTHS
WE IN IGA ARE ALWAYS THINKING OF YOU...
It's HUGE!
So this is the ocean!!

FLOP
What's this?
Huh?
The water here moves
WHOOSH
WAH
RUN RUN
I wonder if there are any mermaids around.
BITE
munch munch
I'll bring some back as a souvenir.
Delicious! ♡
I wonder if these can be eaten too?
M — Mountain monkey
Blech. Salty!!
slurp slurp
But, it's a bit salty
AHH!
This isn't the time for such things!!
I've gotta look for a mermaid!!
spit spit
SPEW

Mermaids!?
Yeah.
Half-human and half-fish!!
Hey mister, you from around here?
Yeah.
Can you tell me where the mermaids are?
Oooooooh. There are TONS of weird things around here, but NO mermaids...
Climbing on those rocks is dangerous...
Eeeh!?
There's no way such a thing exists!!
Buhahaha
Mermaids must be valuable and very delicious and that's why you won't tell me
WHOOSH
Oh, I see...
If you ever find one, be sure to show it to me.
See ya
Wait mister...

I should try looking somewhere el...
I haven't found a single one
Aaaaw
Eh.
W-
Why's there so much water?
Somebody help meee
Clings
Somebody...
Whenever I'm in danger Hanzou-sama or Goemon saves me...
But, this isn't Iga...
Why's swing on here!?
Did the rock move!?
splash splash
UWA
SUBMERGE

Grab on to this!!
Yuki cha..
Hurry!!
SPLASH
O...Okay!!
How can you be a shinobi and not know how to swim!?
Th...Thank you Yuki chan...
pant pant
Did you come to look for the mermaids too?

You really are an Igan mountain monkey, to have believed that made up story and come all the way to the ocean to look for them.
Mermaids don't exist
Eh?
It's just a legend
Then
What should I do ?
I don't know how to make
a medicine for eternal youth
but I've got to make it
Or I can't go home to Iga
I can't see Hanzou-sama...
Don't exist ?
If they did, we wouldn't have any hard times

Eeeeh?
You play for today.
I'm heading to work now.
Good job.
Let's write another letter together.
Hanzou-sama
I'm done cleaning.
Quick steps
Quick steps
Mamezau, if you're free I want you to take care of this little guy for a while
Eh?
A
B
C
*A B C

Nooo!
He'll bite me.
This is part of your training too.
rustle
He's a cute puppy.
Even if he does it won't hurt.
Waaaan!
I HATE DOGS!!
hide
A Shinobi cannot hate dogs.
!!
It's one of Kurokage's pups.
I want you to raise this pup into a fine shinobi dog.
arn
Care for him as if he were Usagi
squirt
Huu
Don't leave the dog hereeeee!!
so it's worthwhile for you to take care of it.
This dog is exactly like Usagi
sniff sniff
quick, ste
You idiot!!
WAAAAAH

Here are the details of your jobs
So it's Kyuushuu this time huh? That's faaaar
Hanzou-sama, would you please name my newborn son?
Sure, I'll think of a good name
It seems we have another healthy child
Princess...
Hanzou...
May I please hold him too?
He's so cuuute.
I hope our child will be as cute as this one is...
Ah...
Actually
Hanzou
It's a bit early to be talking like that...
Sara's pregnant with my child right now...
What!?

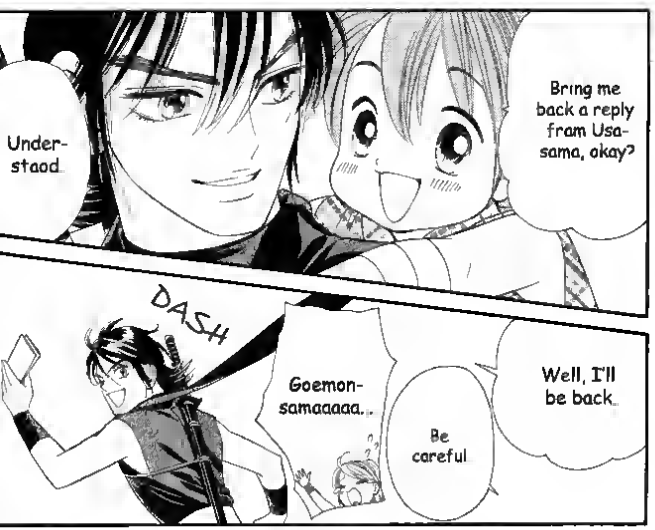
Congratulations to you
Next spring I'll be a dad too
I Is that so
How un settling
Our fifth is coming next month
Next spring we'll be having our third
Children are treasures No matter how many you have they are always a joy
Annoyed
You should hurry and have some too, Hanzou-sama
sigh
Are you starting with that again
WAAAAAAAH
What the-
I'm sorry
Why don't you just give up already and secure your line?
I don't need your advice!!
AAAAAAAH

Contrary to what you think, popularity isn't everything.
If you don't cure that furrowed brow, you won't be popular with the ladies.
Goemon-samaaa! ♡
Well, at least Hanzou-sama has Yuuri-sama...
Isn't that girl a candidate to be Hanzou's bride...
I had a small errand
Flirt ♡
Geez, I've been waiting for so long
What?
Why the unpleasant atmo-sphere!?
Why's he so unpopular with women...
sigh

I just can't take care of this dog
Huh!?
WAAAN
leap
How cute ♡
Big Brother Gaemon, save me!
AAAA

quick steps
Goemon, sorry to ask you this right after you have returned, but can you take this letter to Usagi?
OH.
That's the letter I wrote!!
nibble nibble

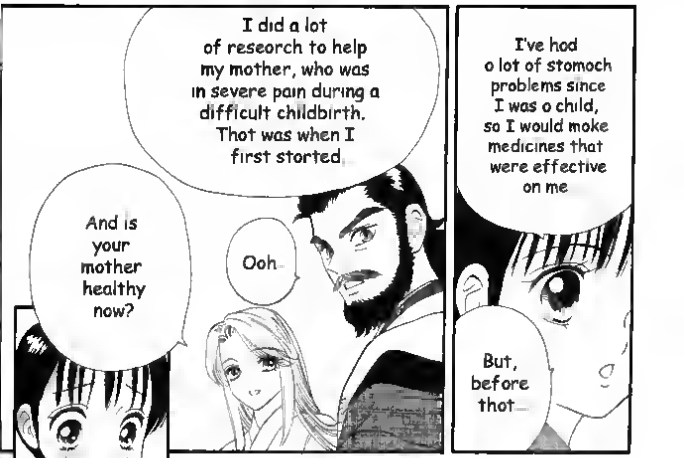
Please take both my and Mamezou's letters.
Sure.
But Goemon-sama, what about my training!?
Yuuri, your training can be to assist with work here.
How cruuuel.


Bring me back a reply from Usa-sama, okay?
Under-staod.
Well, I'll be back.
Be careful.
Goemon-samaaaaa...
DASH

I wonder if Usagi will be able to read Mamezou's writing.
"I will come for you"!?
And Hanzou's says
WHAT!?
Crumple
That bastard is playing around with Usagi!!
Thiiink
.....
It can't be helped...
step
step
But, I'm sure she'll be happy if she reads this...

I went out into the garden this morning for the first time in a long while.
That's because we followed your advice
Your complexion is looking much better

Usagi, how long have you been so knowledgeable about medicines?
Try taking this medicine starting today
Yes, yes, just going into the garden to see the flowers will help your health improve.


I did a lot of reseorch to help my mother, who was in severe pain during a difficult childbirth. Thot was when I first storted.
I've hod o lot of stomoch problems since I was o child, so I would moke medicines that were effective on me
And is your mother healthy now?
Ooh
But, before thot

I'm sorry for making you speak of such a painful story.
Oh dear...
No, it was a long time ago.
She died along with the boby.
You're a strong kid. Your mom must be looking down with pride.
Eheh I've been praised ♡
I'm sure she would be happy if I could make a medicine for eternal youth too.
Yes.
But I have no idea how to make it.
Well, there is a reason why the lord gave you such a futile order.

He has long been o health-minded mon,
but ever since his wife and his heir, Nabuyasu, died oround the some time he's hod an obnormol attachment ta life...
I see...
I can understand how Ieyasu-sama feels, but...
It moy be impossible to moke now, but if we stort by developing medicines thot can prolong life...
Thot's no good
I'll never be able ta go back to Iga thot way!!
I wont to return ta Iga!!
I'm going to moke thot medicine and go home!!
RUN
RUN
Usagi-

HUG
I want to see Hanzou-sama!!!
Hanzou-sama!!
SLAM
run
run
I wish I hadn't said I would stay here
I'm so stupid! Stupid!!
I miss Hanzou-sama...
zzz
zzz

Hn...
Usagi
Wake up, Usagi
Hn?
BLINK
Uh...
WHOOSH
If you don't wake up I'm gonna get naughty ♪
Mmmm ♡
He was making a fuss, so...
Well...
Go-Goemon!!
What're you doing!?
HRGH HRGH
INTRUDER!!
Geez, keep it down.
Wrong person!
SMACK

I came to see you Usagi!
Well, you don't have to come sneaking in, in the dead of night...
Don't let it bother you.
Force of habit.
Hanzou-sama!?
Actually... Hanzou and Mamezou asked me to...
Hanzou-sama asked you something!?
Does he want you to bring me back to Iga!?
Oh yeah... look at this
It's my Hanzou-sama huggy pillow
I fall asleep hugging it every night
Uh...
Hey hey...
Is Hanzou-sama coming here?
Hanzou-sama is...
Give it up already!!

No matter how much you think about him, Honzou's not thinking a bit about you…
Eh…
If he loved you he wouldn't have ported from you, would he?
I guess you're right…
clutch
……
I I really want you to become my bride, Usagi…
So…
step
step
step
See… See ya.
I'll come again

A An intruder came and left...
WHAT!?
SLIDE
Gloom
I heard someone...
The castle guards should really stay an tap af things better!!
What was it? What happened!?
"HANZOU'S NOT THINKING A-BIT ABOUT YOU..."
It's just like the time my mother died.
Incredibly sad, but unable to cry
I've felt this feeling before...

Leap
Yeah
Was Usa-sama surprised by my letter?
Y...Yeah, she was delighted
Welcome back big brother Goemon!
Did you see Usa-sama?
RUN
RUN
OVERCOMING DOG-FEAR POUCH DESIGNED BY HANZOU
I'm glad
step
step
Is Usagi well?
Yeah
She told me ta say, "Hi" to you all
Eh?
Did she reply?
Reply to my letter!!
No
Eeeeeh!?
That Usagi...!!
Oh
She...she's not very good at writing letters... you see

It's about time you got up
Shouldn't you be researching medicines?
.....
Hanzou-sama, let's write another letter together
Yes.
We need to tell her to stop being so lazy about writing letters
I love Hanzou-sama,
Too bad there's no medicine to cure your rudeness
so so SO much, but...
my feelings don't reach him....

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That's a nice surprise far after it's barn
You're going to be o big sister, Usagi, so you've got to set o good exomple
The baby maved!!
Will it be a little brother, ar a little sister?
Goowd exampwel!

thwee days of wowk isn't enough for the baby to come out?
So, so,
She She's working hard so the baby can be born...
Mommy huwts...
Oh...
suck suck
I'm making medicine,
so mommy will get better soon!!
Huh?
I made medicine!!
She and the baby died...
Ku...
Uh...
Why is mommy's face hidden by a cwoth?
She's dead...
.....

Mommy is dead!!
Poor mommy!!
Why are you buwying mommy?
SHOVEL
PILE
Stop it daddy!
Mommy!
Mammy!
Don't buwy her daddy!!
Mommy!
Huh?
A dream...
You surprised me.
What were you yelling for?
Sorry...
sniff

I haven't had a dream that sad in a long time...
Once you've washed your face, come over here.
I'll take out those stitches in your forehead.
You two are up early
Step Step
WHA?
Close your eyes. This is tricky work.
Alright alright
But it seems that you are cured of your dislike of women.
I don't think of THIS as a woman.
THIS
Once I take out these stitches we'll get to work
This is incredibly misleading
Good morning mustached Hanzou-♡ samal
doki doki

step step
Now Mamezou
ask someone else to do it
It..It's alright.
I'll go.
Grab
A..Again?
Eh..
But Goemon-sama only just got back from Hamamatsu yesterday!
Buuut, I want ta hurry and get a reply from Usa-sama
Big brother Goemon!
Take this letter ta Usa-soma!!
Teaching him to shake and use the toilet and such
Backing away
Uh..
You can't teach him anything while he's just hanging there!!
I..I still haven't been able to touch him
By the way Mamezou,
how is the puppy training going?
Training?
Goemon-sama
Make sure she writes a reply!!

I wish I could've gone with Goemon-sama to Hamamatsu.
NO!!
New shake
Got it?
Shake!!
This is how you shake!!
Grab
Yuuna?
Slide slide
This way, Yuuna-sama
Oh
It's been so long, Yuuri
Big sister Yuuna-sama!?

W...Why are you here big sister...!?
It's because these guys were so persistent that I meet Hanzou-sama.
We found it difficult to tell you,
but we too want Hanzou-sama to hurry up and decide on his bride.
So...So then, my older sister, Yuuna-sama, is a bride candidate too!?
That's right.
And, I felt it was about time I decided on a fiancé too.
Hanzou-sama, Iga's most handsome man, will be a worthy spause for me.
Y Youre blinding me sister
Now then, this way Yuuna-sama.
Um, Hanzou-sama...
YOU IDIOT!!

Ha Hanzou-sama..
What a dunce dog!!
You shake like this!!
This!!
stretch
Arrrr
I'm going home
swish
swish
Yuuna-samaaaa!
Shock
Hm?
Did you want something?
Boo Hoo
No, it's nothing
sigh
Aaaah, Hanzou-sama is so unpopular
That's not what he's usually like.
Hanzou's not unpopular
Hanzou-sama...
I'll prove it to you ♪

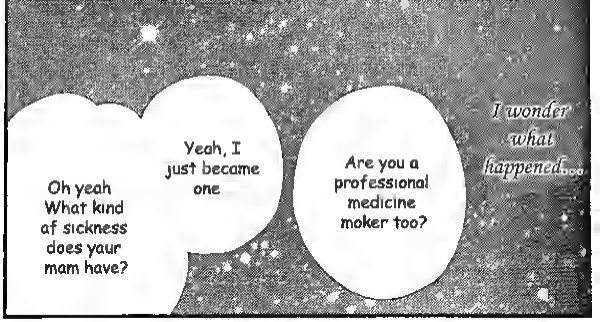
Yukimaru will not treat ill women without an order from the lord
Is that so
OH! Usagi-sama.
Usagi-somo, you've truly saved us by coming
And just to be safe, I'll give you some diarrhea medicine
here
The diarrhea is a result of overworking
If she takes some hot water mixed with a little bit of salt and sugar, keeps warm, and gets some rest it'll clear up
Eh... y... yeah
Would you please come treat my wife too!?
My mother has a strained back
My daughter has had a fever since yesterday
Everyone is so happy
Ta think there were so many ill women
Usagi-somo, this way next
There're there're still more!?
Mine too, please!
She has the mumps
Usagi-sama, please come see my wife as well

Pant pant
Dammit!
RIP
RIP
THROW
I will not allow Usagi's heart to be toyed with!!
For heaven's sake
help me out, Yuki-chan.
There are tons of sick women.
I cannot move without an order from the lord

RUN
RUN
I'm the only one...
Is Yukimaru here!?
Th... That's...
true, but...
Shouldn't you stay a bit busy so you don't have time to think about certain things and get depressed?
You are too selfish Yuki-chan!!
Get over your dislike of women already!!
Eh ?
Yuki-chan's mom is!?
Your older brother hos come from Okazaki to inform you thot your mother is terribly ill!!!
The lord has given his permission. You must go right away!!
Your mom is sick! You've got to go!
Yukimaru..!?
I will not go

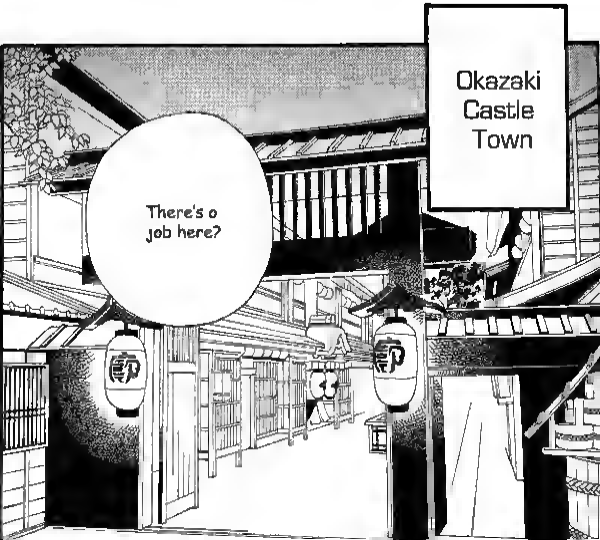
Grab
It's none of your business
stumble
Yuki-cha...
UWA!
clink
I've brought Yukimaru!!
Let's take him while he's out
Y Yeah
Yuki-chan your lip is bleeding!!
I'm sor...
CRASH
Uuun

HUP
They look nothing alike...
He just fainted. Use this opportunity to take him.
I. I will
W. What's wrong with him?
This guy... is Yuki-chan's older brother?
Usagi, no matter how much Yukimaru protests, you must make him see his mother!!
Right!!
Hey, Yuki-chan's brother
My name is Raimaru
Roi-chan then
Has Yuki-chan hated women since he was a kid?
STEP
STEP
No, in his childhood he was a good, obedient child who was loved by everyone
It was not until THAT DAY that he started hating women, including our mother, and left
That day?


I wonder what happened...
Are you a professional medicine maker too?
Yeah, I just became one
Oh yeah What kind af sickness does yaur mam have?

Their mom having a baby means
D Difficult childbirth!?
She's having a difficult childbirth and the lacal medicine maker said he can't do anything ta help

We must hurry!!
She's giving birth at a super old age!!


Okazaki Castle Town
There's o job here?

It's about time you told me the details of this job
Now now,
I'll tell you once we're inside ♪
How can I make a solid plan if I don't hear beforehand?
What a man

Everyone is getting excited over Hanzou-sama!!
No?
Na
Don't put your arm around me
Swish
Thank goodness! He's popular!!

Heh heh heh♡
we didn't come here to play
Hanzou
It's been a while Hanzou-sama. ♡
I'm acquainted with a lot of cute girls ♡ there
Alrighty we'll go into that one

Well, you wouldn't come to a place like this otherwise, right Hanzou-sama?
Were you in on this too!?
Wolves in sheep's clothing.
Heh heh.
POP
Ah?
Heee♡
Actually, we DID ♡ come here to play
You should take a little break and cure that furrowed brow of yours ♪
What!?

Do you bastards know what I hate more than anything else in this world?
Brisk Steps
Idiots and bad jokes!!
I'm going home!!
We're sorry Hanzou-samaaaa!!
Wait. We already came all the way down here so why not play before you leave?
PLAY!?
Aren't you about to become a father, Hanzou!?
BUT...
Wah Wah
They're a male instinct. You have them too, don't you!?
No!!
Please stop making a scene!!
Stop sulking!!
I'll do you a favor and beat those filthy desires out of you!
clatter clatter
Sara won't gratify my desires while she's pregnant...
drape

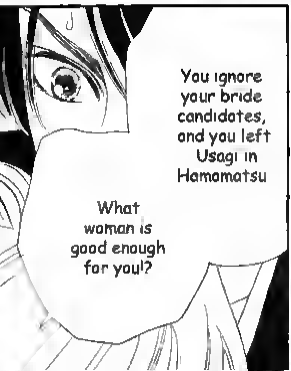
KYAA!
Grab
And just what did I do!?
You kick out paying customers!?
Get out.
We refuse to serve drunks!!
You're bothering the other patrons!!
Should we help her?
The poor girl
Better not. If they remember your face it'll hinder your missions.
Ha... Hanzou-sama...
Brisk steps
Now now, stop fighting
KYAAAAA
Shut up!
I'll slaughter you!!
Release her
What do you want, creep!?

grab
dodge
twist
AAH
POUND
He brought that guy down in a heartbeat!
What... What just happened!?
Hanzou-sama you're amazing!
I'd expect nothing less from him.
he's wonderful

KYAA♡
KYAA♡
Nooo, come play with me
I did not come to play I was just passing by
Your companions may also come for free ♡
Thank you very much
In appreciation I'd like you to come in and play for free

NO!
Seeing that it's free of charge we should stay and play for a bit
EEH!?
brisk steps
Let's go, everyone

AAH!
Eh?
I never thought of that!!
Hm?
Ha Hanzou could it be that women don't do it for you ?
SHOCK


You ignore your bride candidates, and you left Usagi in Hamamatsu
What woman is good enough for you!?

Hanzou, there are some things you just shouldn't say
WELL!

You idiots!!
If Hanzou-sama's interests run that way, we'll never have an heir!!
Poor Ekimi-sama!
WAHAHA

I will wed a strong, intelligent woman capable of supporting Igo along side of me
A strong intelligent woman
HEY!! You can't have Sara, she's mine!!
So then don't cheat on her
I know that
It's true that the princess was the picture of my ideal wife
But my ideals have begun changing a bit
WHOA!

So this is Yuki-chon's house?
It's a brothel
A brothel ?
Un
HUH
JOLT
Yukimaru
U_UWAA!! What om I doing here!?
TACKLE
Your mother is in trouble!!
DASH
UWA! UWA!
Yuki-chan!!
Kya!

Shout
There's no way I'm letting you leave!!
NO!
NOOO! I'm going home!!
Shout
U
USAGI!?
Eh?
That voice
Usagi, what's going on?
!!
Hanzou-sama!!

End of Chapter 17

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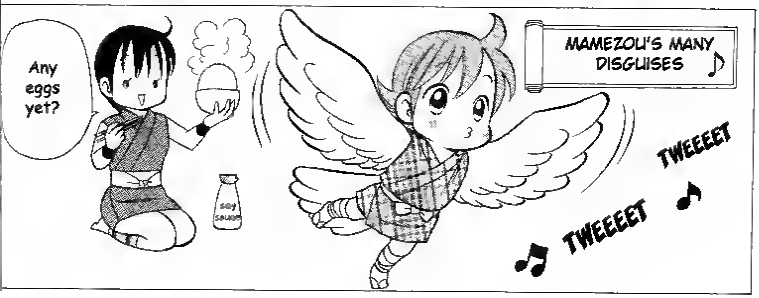
Let go of me!!
BOII BOII
Wh
What reasan ?
No!!
AH!
You're a useless bum Get out!!
Ukyaa!
I'm hungry too
I don't know the way home, and I have no money
Girl, I can give you plenty of food to eat
Really!?
But in exchange, you'll work in this brothel for life!!
Waaah!!
Hey mister, come and buy me!


Any eggs yet?
egg SALMON
MAMEZOU'S MANY DISGUISES
TWEEEET
TWEEEET

How horrid!!
WAAAH!
I'm so hungry I could dine.
I won't let you eat until you service the customers!!
KNEEL
Forgive me Usagi!!
Oh, Usagi?
bow
This is my fault for leaving you in Hamamatsu by yourself!!
Yuki-chan's mom is in trouble!!
Yu...Yuki-chan?
Hanzou-sama, help me carry Yuki-chan!!
struggle
Uuuuuuuuu

Yukimaru!!
Huh?
I thought Yuki-chan's mother was pregnant...
It really is you!!
And she's so young
GYAAA
GYAAA
W...What is going on!?
Mama Maki,
I've brought Yukimaru!!
STOMP
STOMP
Ooh... I'll tell you later!
Well... Yuki-chan is my senior in medicine making, and he hates women, and...
WAAH
We knew you'd come!
Yukimaru ♡
Yukimaru is here!?
You're being carried by such a fine man
KYAA
EEEK!
GYAAA! Get away!!
Let mother have a look at you ♡
When
It's been so long ♡
KYAA

Not good at all...
How is Mama Chiyo!?
Mama Sachi...
GYAAAA!!
All of them!?
All of them are our mothers.
Uh, um.. Which one is your mom?
My, such a yaung girl is?
This is Usagi-sama She is also a medicine maker...
What the heck...
GYA
GYA
Don't ask me
What's going on here!?
Honored medicine moker, please come this way.
R... right...

What a noisy guy...
WAAH!
WAAH!
I've brought Yukimaru and another medicine maker from Hamamatsu
Well done Raimaru!!
Her belly's HUGE!!
The baby is overdeveloped and nothing will make it come out!!
touch
DASH
How is she, Usagi-sama?
Her pulse is weak...
She's nearly out of strength...
ha
ha

Yuki-chan...
There's nothing I can do for her!!
This... this is beyond my abilities
Yuki-chon, tend to her
I refuse!!
This is just like what happened to my mom...
Usagi-sama...?
Shut up, yau deceitful women!!
We don't remember raising you to be that way!!
How could you!!
Yuki-maru
It...It's all their fault that I hate women!!
Yuki-chan, that's enou...

They smile to attract the men,
but inside they're full of grumbles!!
So that's what you think of us...
That's just the kind of business we're in.
And that's not all!!
You all pretend to be my mothers
and have never told me who my real mother is!!
Yuki-chan...

SMACK
Women are noisy liars and THAT'S why I hate them!!
AH
You HIT me!?
You...
Usagi!?
A medicine maker who sees someone suffering and won't treat them is despicable!!
I hate you too!!
I really do hate you...

She's been throwing up anything she tries to take...
She needs to drink this fast-acting nourishing medicine for strength and try pushing again...
Will she be okay Usagi?
Figure something out?
FINE! I'll figure something out on my own!!
STOMP
.....
B...but this is the only way I...
Eeeh...
Cut open her stomach!?
EH!?
There's no choice but to cut open her stomach and retrieve the baby...
but I watched Pedro-sensei cut open o woman during a difficult birth ond take out the baby...
It was only once,
But if you do that Mama Chiyo will...

Your mother...!?
Can you do it, Yuki-chan!?
I... I've only watched Pedro sensei perform surgeries...
I couldn't do one myself
My mom had a difficult childbirth just like this one and both she and the baby died...
he
he
The baby survived,
but we couldn't save the mother...
Well, of course not after cutting open her stomach
But, at this rate, aren't both of them going to die!?
Do it... Yuki...maru...
Parrt
parrt
I don't... care...about myself...
Save the baby...!
Mama Chiyo!!

Save...
rant
rant
Please do it!!
Save the baby!!
Bring me...
a flame... and some hot water...
And some sake to act as a disinfectant!!
A flame
O_ Okay!!
You can let go now!!
I won't run off!!
You're going to do it, Yuki-chan!?
If I don't do it, who will?
You're going to help me
Right!!

STOMP
STOMP
We'll help too
Here's some hot water
Shut the windows!!
And anyone who can't stand the sight af blood shauld get out!!
And here's the flame.
Usagi, what's that?
Same painkiller dissalved in water
It's aniy effective when taken arally!!
Give that cloth to Mother Chiya to bite.
Under-staod
Hanzau-sama, clasp her ather hand!!
R right
Mather Chiya,
I'm gaing ta save bath yau and the baby, sa hald an.
Gad, Buddha, please protect Chiya and the baby.

UN
UNUUUNU!
Don't go in
Chiyo!
You can do it!!
Hang on!!
Don't die...
mommy

DON'T DIE!!
MOMMY!!
Usagi?!
I don't want you to die!!
Don't leave me!!
Take him outside
WHA?
crash
Uuuuun
SQUISH
R... Right...
Take this!!

He's so large!!
And breach besides
Pull
Oh no!
He's dead
Usagi, the baby has been born!!
Huh?
DASH
!!
Give him to me!!
BLOW
BLOW
I'm going to stitch up her stomach, so you sop up the blood!!
Inhale
Live
R-Right
PLEASE
BLOW

He was already dead in the womb
It's no use
BLOW
BLOW
part
part
SMACK
!!
SMACK
Stop it!! He's already dead!
SMACK
Usagi!?

WAAAAH!
WAAAAAH!
He cried!!
Thank goodness!
He's alive!!
WAAAAAAAAH!
Crying out with all the life in him...
He's crying...
WAAAAH!

He's alive!..
I'm sorry for striking you...
I'm so glad you're alive...
Good job, Usagi...

WAAH
WAAH
M-Me!?
I'm going to go wash off this blood.
Would you bathe the boby
Hanzou sama
I'm impressed
Geez...
You're going to catch o cold.
step
step
You're always surprising me...
Splash
Splash

But you did an excellent job today.
I'm truly impressed.

I...
I'm not a good girl who's worthy of your praise...

Why?
I'm a bad girl...

A bad girl!?
When my mom
died along with the baby...
I blamed him for causing her suffering and death...
All this time...
I've held a grudge against him...

Even though the baby died without ever making it into this world...
I never pitied him...
I hated him!!
Even though I was his older sister...

It's alright.
You are a wonderful girl.

Hanzou-sama...
Your mother and the boby ore looking down with pride from Heaven..
You are a much stronger and more intelligent woman than I previously thought.
End of Chapter 18

WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...?

well.... you'll just have to buy volume 9 when it comes out!!!

(Drumstucky runs for her life!!!)

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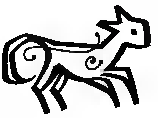

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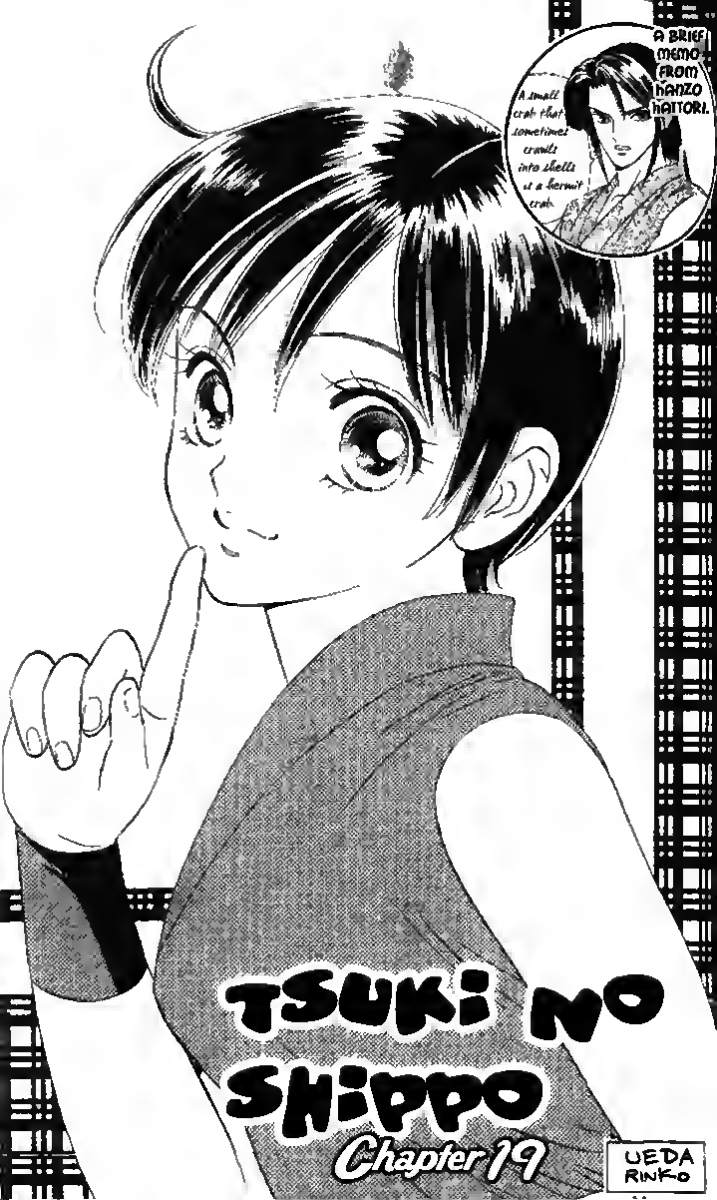
A BRIEF MEMO FROM HANZO HATTORI.
A small crab that sometimes crawls into shells as a hermit crab.
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UEDA RINKO

TOUCH
THE SCAR ON YOUR FOREHEAD
HAS HEALED.
DOKI
Yuuji is a much stronger and intelligent girl than I thought of would be...

DON'T DO THIS...
Doki
Doki
IF HANZO-SAMA TREATS ME WELL,
USAGI ?
I...
WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE UP
Hanzo doesn't like Usagi at all!
AFTER ALL, HANZO-SAMA HAS GIVEN UP ON ME...

HUH?
WHAT IS THAT..
I GAVE IT TO GOEMON TO PASS IT TO YOU, MAMEZOU AND MY
Letter?
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
DIDN'T YOU READ MY LETTER?
I TRUSTED THE WRONG PERSON
I'M SORRY ...
HANZO-SAMA SENT A LETTER TO ME...?
AFTER RECEIVING IEYASU-SAMA'S BLESSINGS,
I WILL DEFINITELY BRING USAGI BACK TO IGA

R-REALLY ...?
I WILL NEVER TELL A LIE.
I...
AM ALLOWED TO NOT GIVE UP ON HANZO-SAMA...?
IF I TOLD YOU TO GIVE UP, WOULD YOU GIVE UP?
NO. .....
Hug
Definitely not!!!

she's not letting go...
USAGI IS HERE!
AH...
THAT...
SOMEONE FROM HAMAMATSU IS HERE TO FETCH THEM...
Latch
Dash
Dash
S-
WHERE ARE YOU ?!
SOMEONE'S LOOKING FOR YOU.
Latch
Dash
Dash
USAGI-SAMA!

MY LORD SAYS THAT THE ABSENCE OF MEDICINE MAKERS IN THE CASTLE IS MAKING HIM UNEASY,SO HE...
USAGI!
AH, POPS
IT'S MOUSTACHED HANZO-SAMA...

T-THAT'S TRUE...
Although I want to stay by Hanzo-sama's side for a while more, I...

ONE OF US...
WANTS ONE OF YOU TO RETURN TO HAMAMATSU IMMEDIATELY
grab
BEFORE MAMA CHIYO'S CONDITION STABILIZES, IT'S BETTER FOR YUKIMURA TO STAY BY HER SIDE...

I SHALL RETURN
USAGI .....
DASH
THE HORSE IS OUTSIDE.
PLEASE WAIT A BIT!
DASH
HANZO-SAMA.
BEFORE I GO CAN I HUG YOU ONCE MORE?
WHAT?!!
Grin
H-HERE?
SMILE
SMILE
...

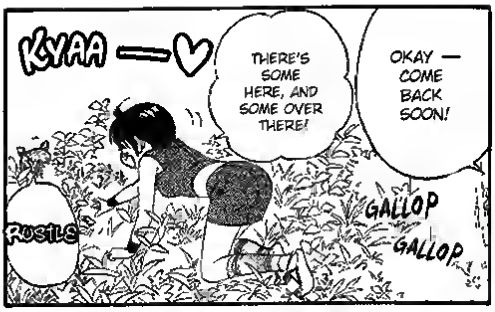
"Libra_6930" chases you, you can't stop someone now, I know its cute

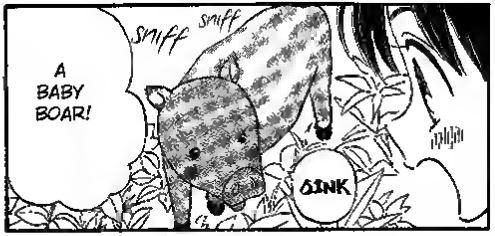
Hanzo-sama's warmness
BEFORE I COME FOR YOU, PLEASE WORK HARD AND DON'T GIVE TROUBLE TO THE OTHERS.
and his hug that can sweep my anxiety away
THANK YOU.
I'M ALRIGHT NOW.
Don't cry!

I WILL WORK HARD!
There's no turning back.
So that I can work hard and move forward!
Because Hanzo-sama has given me his strength
ACTUALLY,
YOU WANTED TO BRING USAGI BACK TO IGA,ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...?

YEAH.
EH ?
Why do I have to do such a thing ?!!
Imag-nation
HANZO... YOU'VE CHANGED ...
ME?
HANZO-SAMA, LET'S HASTEN BACK TO IGA
I HAVE A SUDDEN URGE TO SEE MY WIFE'S AND LITTLE BABY'S FACE~~
Ah oh my lovely wife Luh ~
I TOO, WANT TO TAKE CARE OF MY PREGNANT WIFE.
RIGHT !
I MUST LET SARA PRAISE ME FOR BEING A GOOD BOY TOO!

USAGI,
WE'LL ARRIVE AT THE CASTLE SOON.
I WANT A WARM COMFY BED~
sigh
Gallop
FLOAT
FLOAT
Bong
AH?
WHAT? THIS TORN PAPER IS...
Gallop
!!
It's Hanzo-sama's hand-writing!
Usagi
This hand writing...
MOUSTACHED HANZO-SAMA, PLEASE LET ME OFF!
WHAT IS THE MATTER ?
THE TORN PIECES OF THE LETTER THAT HANZO-SAMA GAVE ME...
AH, THERE'S MORE HERE!
I'LL GO BACK RIGHT AFTER PICKING THEM ALL, SO PLEASE GO IN FIRST!





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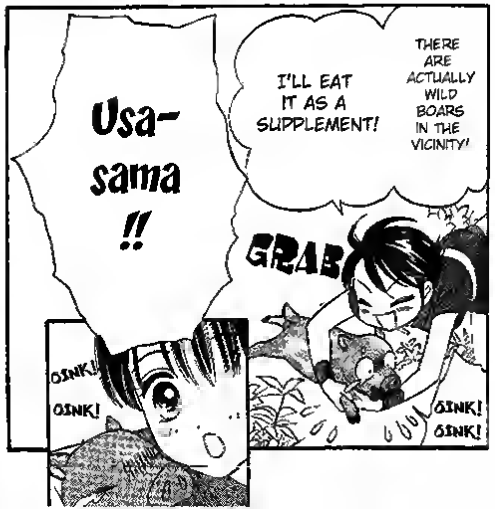

USA-SAMA ...
MAMEZOU ...?
shiyer
shiyer
MAMEZOU !
I REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU ~~~!
USA-SAMA ~~!
Jump

Hic
I CAME WITH URIBOU...
NOT ALONE,
Waah!
MAMEZOU, YOU CAME ALONE?
THEN, IT'S MAMEZOU'S URIBOU?
THAT'S GREAT OINK!

Bang!
HEAVY !
uuu~ uuu!

EHH
?-?!!
T-THAT, I HAVEN'T READ THE LETTER!
I... I WROTE A LETTER,
BUT USA-SAMA DIDN'T REPLY, SO I WAS VERY WORRIED
Waaa~!!
GOEMON NII-CHAN IS SO MEAN !!
LOOKS LIKE GOEMON TORN UP THE LETTERS, I WAS JUST PICKING UP THE TORN PIECES!
EEEEK
!!!
IT REALLY FOLLOWED ME!!!
WOOF!
WHAT ...
AH, IT'S A PUPPY!
FU.
FU.
LET ME HELP TOO....!
D-OP
WOOF WOOF

IT WOULD BE HARD HAVING THE SAME NAME, LET'S CALL IT 'USAMARU' INSTEAD!
HE WANTED ME TO LOOK AFTER IT AS IF IT WAS USA-SAMA... BUT I COULDN'T DO IT.
OINK!
OINK!
wag wag
nudge
nudge
I-IT'S USA-SAMA, GIVEN TO ME BY HANZOU-SAMA...
MAMEZOU, IS IT A PUPPY THAT YOU KNOW?
USA-SAMA?
Kyuun
URIBOU!
Ruffle
Scuttle
Scuttle
U-URIBOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO BECOME A SHINOBI
THIS PUPPY THAT FOLLOWED FROM IGA IS NOT BAD TOO
WAHA!!
URIBOU PICKED UP SO MANY!!
OINK OINK!

HANZO-SAMA, WELCOME BACK
DID ANYTHING HAPPEN IN THE VILLAGE?
THAT...
MAMEZOU LEFT THIS LETTER, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT...
I'M GUESSING, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HE WENT TO LOOK FOR USAGI-SAMA...?
IT'S ILLEGIBLE!
THEN THERE'S NO NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT MAMEZOU.
Hmph!
ARA,
HANZO-SAMA, YOU ARE LOOKING MUCH BETTER.
YOU MUST BE FEELING A LOT BETTER AFTER VISITING THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT*.
THAT'S NOT THE CASE!

*Libra's note- I'm not sure about this but I think it's an adult entertainment center where you can find geisha's and brothels

GOEMON NII-CHAN DID SUCH A MEAN THING~~~
IS IT HERE?
EH...
WHERE IS THIS PLACED?
YEAH.
Oink Oink
BUT,
THIS WAY, AFTER PIECING TOGETHER THIS PUZZLE
I CAN FEEL BIT BY BIT, THE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS OF HANZO-SAMA, AND IT MAKES ME HAPPY.
MAMEZOU TOO CAN WRITE LETTERS NOW
EHE
BESIDES, THIS LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY HANZO-SAMA AND ME
HANZO-SAMA TAUGHT ME HOW TO WRITE LETTERS

USAGI!
step
step
step
EVEN I HAVEN'T DONE SUCH A THING!
!!
UWAAA !!!
GA-N
EVEN AT NIGHT! HANZO-SAMA SLEEPS WITH ME
EH?
I FOUND SOME RARE PLANTS IN THE GARDEN JUST NOW.
SLIDE
doki
TH-THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN IT.
doki
I WAS RIGHT, WASN'T I? DO YOU KNOW THE NAME OF THIS PLANT?
THAT'S ALL, HURRY AND COMPLETE THE IMMORTALITY POTION ALRIGHT?
I'LL ASK YUKI-CHAN WHEN HE COMES BACK LATER.
step
step
doki
doki
AH ?
THE ROOM SEEMS TO SMELL OF WILD ANIMALS...
WAA!!
WHAT A RARE PLANT!
doki
doki

OH YEAH, I BROUGHT USA-SAMA'S MEDICINE MAKING EQUIPMENT
THANK YOU
AHH .. IF I'M ABLE TO COMPLETE THE IMMORTALITY POTION, I'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN
THAT GAVE ME A SCARE!
Skid
AH!
clatter
IT'S DEFINITELY EASIER TO MAKE MEDICINE USING ONE'S OWN EQUIPMENT
IT WAS LEFT HERE AFTER BEING REJECTED BY HANZO-SAMA
THIS IS THE LOVE POTION THAT I WON DURING THE SHINOBI ABILITY COMPETITION
WHAT'S THAT?
THIS IS...
SLIDE
EEP !!
IF IT'S THE CREATOR OF THIS MEDICINE, HE MIGHT KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE IMMORTALITY POTION!!!
THAT'S RIGHT !
THIS SEEMS AN INCREDIBLE MEDICINE..

*Hinahime's notes-Zashiki Warashi is a kind of child-like Japanese spirit

YU-YUKI-CHAN!
W-WHY IS THERE A ZASHIKI WARASHI* AND A WILD ANIMAL IN MY ROOM...!
P-PLEASE, DON'T TELL IEYASU-SAMA!
I'M NOT A ZASHIKI WARASHI!
BOTH MAMEZOU AND URIBOU ARE GOOD KIDS.
NO.
NO CHOICE THEN,
SINCE YOU'RE BEGGING ME
ARIGATOU, YUKI-CHAN!
YOU'VE RETURNED SO QUICKLY YUKI-CHAN, HOW'S THE CONDITION OF YOUR MAMA?
MIRACULOUSLY,
The landlady is fine too
SHE MANAGED TO SURVIVE I ASKED FOR THE HELP OF A NANMAN DOCTOR TO TAKE CARE OF FURTHER PROCEDURES...
THAT'S GREAT-
THIS IS ALL THANKS TO USAGI.

N-NO I'M NOT HAVING A FEVER!
ARE YOU HAVING A FEVER ?
doki
-Yuki-
-chan-
BECAUSE IT'S RARE THAT YOU WOULD BE SO HONEST,
AND IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE CALLING ME BY MY NAME...
BECAUSE USAGI WAS THERE,
BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD WERE SAVED
U. SA. GI.
USAGI!!
CLACK
AHH !!!
HOW ARE YA?

EEEEK
IT...IT APPEARED AGAIN
Goemon !!!
HOW DARE YOU TEAR UP HANZO-SAMA'S LETTER!!!
AND EVEN MY LETTER TOO!!
HAA, HAA !!!
STOMP
STOMP
I'M SORRY!
I-I'M HERE TO APOLOGIZE ..!
OWW!
OUCH!!
OKAY!
SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
HOW ADMIRABLE!
MAMEZOU IS INCREDIBLE.
WAIT.. WAIT A MINUTE
BY THE WAY,
MAMEZOU, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
PROTECTING USA-SAMA IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!!!

LOVE POTION?
SPEAKING OF WHICH,
GOEMON, DO YOU KNOW THE MAKER OF THIS LOVE POTION?
AHHH, THAT?
IT SHOULD BE IGA'S SAGE!
WHO IS HE?
IGA'S SAGE ...?
HE LIVES ON IGA'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN, IS A LEGENDARY MEDICINE MAKER,
AND IS A SUPER OLD GRANDPA WHO IS OVER 200 YEARS OLD!
....
USAGI, YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?!
I'M AN IDIOT FOR ASKING GOEMON ...
Hmph
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL BRING YOU THERE!
HOW COULD THERE BE SUCH AN OLD GRANDPA?
Goemon always lolololoers nololorsh

sfx-dadada
JUST A MOMENT, GOEMON!
USA-SAMA!
WAH!
WAAAAHHH!!!
USAGI!!!
sfx-Ba

Tsuki no shippo
Chapter 20
Caggie munches on snacks too much

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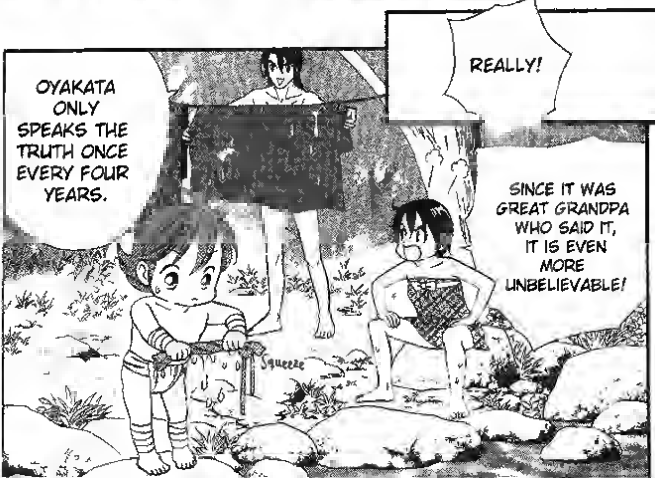
WAIT FOR ME!
I... I'M GOING TOO..
.....
sfx Hyou
GUWAAAA!!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD ...
THE... THE LEGENDARY MEDICINE MAKER.....
BUT AFTER HE TOLD US, HE TOOK OFF WITH USAGI...
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER IT'S REAL OR FAKE,
IGA'S SAGE?
Y-YES!
H-HURRY AND GIVE CHASE, TO MEET THAT WHATEVER SAGE!
I HAVE SOME KIND OF PREMO-NITION!
I HAVE A PREMO-NITION!
FOR BOTH MEDICINE MAKERS TO LEAVE THE CASTLE .....
IS THIS ALRIGHT ?
DASH
DASH
GOEMON, HAVE YOU MET THE SAGE BEFORE...?
JUST A MINUTE ..
NOPE!
I HAVE A PREMONITION THAT USAGI AND YUKIMARU WILL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO BRING BACK THE IMMORTALITY POTION...!
Tat
Tat
Tat

Poka Poka
SPRINT
DON'T MOVE ABOUT ...
YOU REALLY LIED TO ME!!
EH?
I HEARD IT FROM OYAKATA* DURING MY YOUNGER DAYS.
SPRINT
UGH.
THROB
*Oyakata=Master
WAHH !!
USA-SAMA!
SPLASH!
AHH !!


REALLY!
OYAKATA ONLY SPEAKS THE TRUTH ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS.
SINCE IT WAS GREAT GRANDPA WHO SAID IT, IT IS EVEN MORE UNBELIEVABLE!
Squeeze

MOU... DON'T LET ME LOOK AT THAT UGLY THING!!
Right? Mamezou
REALLY ?
IT'S HAIRY
EVERY-BODY PRAISES IT
Eeeewww!!
"libra s note-hairy? lol!
Uh---- LOINCLOTH LOINCLOTH
THAT SAID, LET'S JUST ASK OYAKATA.
Ah!
IT WAS JUST SLIGHTLY SCRAPED AGAINST THE ROCKS, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
NOPE.
EH?
IS YOUR GOEMON LEG STILL HURTING?
Ahhh, that's disgusting!
WHERE IS IT THAT'S DISGUSTING ?
LOOK HERE LOOK HERE!
SHOCKED
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, RIGHT?
He's Lying
Goemon's ... Limping...
WEARING THE LOINCLOTH

HAH..HAH THAT WAS DANGEROUS ..... Pant Pant
WHAT, ARE YOU COMING ALONG TO SEE THE SAGE?
WE FELL INTO THE RIVER.
YUKI-CHAN?
LET GO OF USAGI!
YOU YOU PERVERT!
Splash
EH?
huff huff
YOU TOLD IEYASU-SAMA...?
I RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE LORD BEFORE COMING HERE!
OF COURSE!
PUT THIS ON!
THANKS
SLIP
U-USAGI!!
I'VE TOLD YOU IT WASN'T A LIE.
IF GREAT GRANDPA WAS LYING, HOW AM I GOING TO EXPLAIN IT TO IEYASU-SAMA?
!!

YOU ARE A MAN, CORRECT?
WHAT... WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I SAY, MEDICINE MAKER SEMPAI,
WHAT... WHAT IF YOU CATCH A COLD?
I'VE NEVER CAUGHT A COLD BEFORE.
EH?
That guy... towards Usagi...
IN WHAT WAY IS THIS KIND OF WEIRDO WHO LOOKS AND SPEAKS LIKE A GIRL COOL?
IT WASN'T REALLY THAT GREAT...
Dopey
YUKI-CHAN WAS SO COOL WHEN HE WAS OPERATING
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, ?
OH?
A... A SHINOBI WITH THAT MUCH SCARS HAS NO RIGHT TO CRITICIZE ME!
SWEAT
Swish
THIS SHOWS THAT I HAVEN'T FACED MY OPPONENTS WITH MY BACK TURNED BEFORE!
MY BACK HASN'T BEEN HURT BEFORE THOUGH
URGH
THERE- THERE'S A SCAR!

THERE'S A SCAR DUE TO A BURN!
AH.
AH, THIS?
THIS WOUND WAS DUE TO HOT WATER BEING POURED ACCIDENTALLY ON ME.
BUT A WOUND IS A WOUND RIGHT?
THAT BURN ...
OVER THERE MAMEZOU!
HEY!
WAS CAUSED BY ME.
GOEMON NII-CHAN,
THERE ARE FISHES!
LET'S GO CATCH THEM
WAI!
ARE YOU TRYING TO RUN AWAY

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG,
I TIPPED OVER A HOTPOT. IN ORDER TO PROTECT ME, HE WAS BURNT INSTEAD...
WHO IS HE TO USAGI?
HE'S MY BODY GUARD...
EVER SINCE I WAS BORN, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN...
protecting me.
Goemon always sacrifice himself for me...
EVER SINCE MY FATHER PASSED AWAY,
GOEMON HAS BEEN PLAYING THE ROLE OF MY FATHER..
...I,
NOW KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT MY BIOLOGICAL MOTHER.

Yuki-chan .....
THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE AFRAID THAT I'LL BE HURT AFTER KNOWING THE TRUTH..
MY MOTHERS WERE CRYING WHILE TELLING ME THE TRUTH.
REALLY?
AFTER SHE GAVE BIRTH TO ME, SHE ELOPED WITH A CUSTOMER, SO ALL THE LADIES BECAME MY MOTHERS...
THE MOTHER THAT GAVE BIRTH TO ME IS NO LONGER HERE.
ALL OF THEM LOVE YUKI-CHAN.
WITH THAT MANY AROUND IT ONLY BOTHERS ME.
WHAT?
SMILING LIKE THAT...
USA-SAMA! WE'VE CAUGHT MANY FISHES!
That's great .....
Yuki-chan's expression is much better than before.

GRRR...
IT'S VERY YUMMY!
I HAVE NEVER EATEN IN SUCH A CRUDE MANNER BEFORE...
SMOK!
THE MUSH-ROOMS ARE DONE
Why is he so close to Usagi, when he is the one that entered the scene the last.
...No, medicines have no effect on Usagi...
Since I've come this far, I'll let Usagi consume the love potion
Right!
COME COME, PLEASE HAVE SOME MEDICINE MAKER SEMPAI.
SHAVES
Anyway, I'll make this guy fall in love with me so that he'll leave Usagi alone.
SWISH SWISH
MHM!
IT'S NICE.
SEE!
MUNCH
TRY IT
THANK YOU.

Was that poison?
Shit!
huff
huff
WHAT HAPPENED...
WOW, YOUR BODY FEELS HOT.
Fwomp
waahh !!
YUKI-CHAN?
EH?
♪
EH?
I... I WANT...
Pant
Pant
YOU WANT WATER ...?
NO! I WANT USAGI!
stk smooch

STOP IT!
BUT... THIS SCENE IS PRETTY TANTALIZING TOO.
HELP!
Chuu~
Smooch
I LOVE YOU~~
I LOVE YOU!
YU.. YUKI-CHAN?
Smooch
Smooch
WHY DIDN'T HE FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, THE ONE WHO GAVE HIM THE MEDICINE?
USA-SAMA!
HAH!
Splash
AH!
huh?
Cough
W-WATER ENTERED ... MY NOSE...
WHAT HAVE I DONE?
I... I...
LOVE POTION?
UM... I... I WAS TESTING WHETHER THE LOVE POTION HAS ANY EFFECT
SO THAT LOVE POTION MAKES ONE FALL IN LOVE WITH THE PERSON CLOSEST TO HIM?
Okay, get away from her
KOFF!
GAH
I... I..
USA-SAMA!

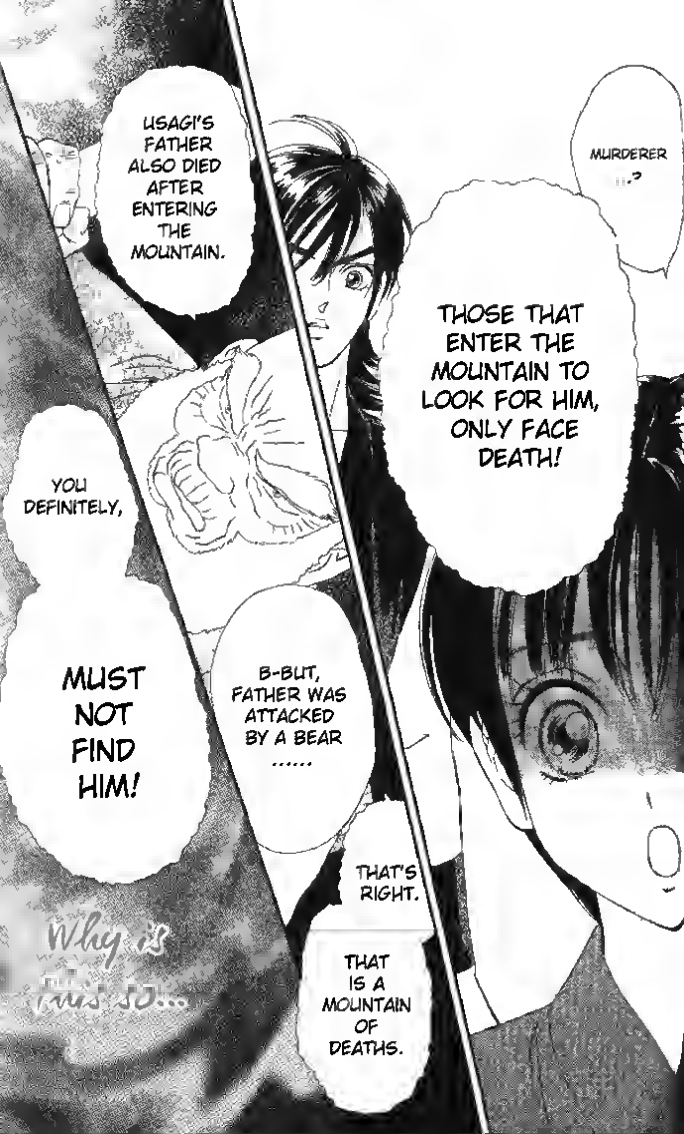
UWAAAAA
I DON'T MIND ...
AH..
I SHOULD JUST DIE!
SORRY, SORRY.
GOEMON, HURRY AND APOLOGIZE !
I should let Usagi try it the next time.
SO... IT WAS DUE TO THE LOVE POTION THAT YUKI-CHAN...
I... DID SOME-THING TERRIBLE TO USAGI .....
SO-SORRY,
Two days later
DON'T GIVE UP YUKI-CHAN,
WE'LL REACH IGA SOON.
MY FEET ARE HURTING ...
YOU'RE RIGHT,
SO IT'S ALMOST .....
THE RIGHT TIME TO BLIND-FOLD YOU.
EH?
WHY ?
IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD IF OUTSIDERS KNOW THE LOCATION OF HOOJIRO
WAS THERE SUCH A RULE?
I... I WON'T TELL A SOUL .....
WE COULD SKIP THIS, BUT...

PLEASE BLINDFOLD ME..
OH!
I'LL TIE YOUR HANDS TOGETHER.
YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT LEAVING IGA FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
swish
swish
HOW TROUBLESOME
AH--- THERE'S A TRAP PLACED THERE THIS MONTH
GOEMON, AREN'T WE CROSSING THE BRIDGE THAT WE NORMALLY DO?
swoosh
I'VE HEARD THAT LAST MONTH, SEVEN PEOPLE WERE CAUGHT.
OH...
I.... I....
Will I be able to return to Hamamatsu alive.....
Hanzopunzel, Hanzopunzel. let down your hair!

I'M BACK!
EH? WHERE'S GREAT GRANDPA?
YUKI-CHAN, WAIT HERE!
EH?
ERM ...
AHH
twipp
loosen
HOW MUCH LONGER AM I TO STAY BLINDFOLDED
THANK YOU .....
Stare~
AH, GREAT GRANDPA!
WHAT'S WRONG, YUKI-CHAN ——?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A MONSTER?
collapse
Sooo——
A MONSTER

I'M SORRY TO HAVE FRIGHTENED YOU,
ALTHOUGH HE LOOKS LIKE A MONSTER, HE IS ACTUALLY MY GREAT GRANDPA.
I'M MOMOCHI TANBA.
YOU'VE FOUND OYAKATA.
THIS PERSON IS YUKI-CHAN, A SEMPAI IN MEDICINE MAKING FROM HAMAMATSU.
NICE... NICE TO MEET YOU ...
WAS LISAGI CHASED OUT OF HAMAMATSU TOO?
Ha! Shameful!
THAT'S NOT THE CASE! IN ORDER TO PRODUCE THE IMMORTALITY POTION, IEYASU-SAMA ORDERED ME TO RETURN!
PLEASE TELL ME THE LOCATION OF THE SAGE WHO MADE THIS LOVE POTION!
DID YOU SAY 'IMMORTALITY'?
I DON'T KNOW.
GOEMON!
I DIDN'T LIE TO YOU, IT REALLY WAS OYAKATA WHO TOLD ME
CLANK
THE PERSON WHO TOLD GOEMON WAS ME.
EH?
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

SAN... SANDAYUU!
Another monster appeared.
WAA!!
THAT'S RIGHT.
EH?
SO THAT WAS OYAKATA?
TH-THIS STUPID SON, BLABBERING ABOUT USELESS STUFF...
SEE, YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, DON'T YOU?
FATHER - AND SON?
Making his first appearance, Usagi's grandfather Momochi Sandayuu
GRANDPA!
YOU CAN'T GO!
SO THERE REALLY IS A SAGE...
WHY ...
BECAUSE THAT GUY WHO HAD FORSAKEN THE WORLD IS AN OUTRAGEOUSLY CRUEL MURDERER!
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I ENTERED THE MOUNTAIN TO LOOK FOR THE SAGE. HOWEVER, I WAS SCOLDED BY FATHER AND TILL TODAY, I STILL REMEMBER THE INCIDENT CLEARLY.


USAGI'S FATHER ALSO DIED AFTER ENTERING THE MOUNTAIN.
MURDERER ...?
THOSE THAT ENTER THE MOUNTAIN TO LOOK FOR HIM, ONLY FACE DEATH!
YOU DEFINITELY,
MUST NOT FIND HIM!
B-BUT, FATHER WAS ATTACKED BY A BEAR .....
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT IS A MOUNTAIN OF DEATHS.
Why is this so...

I ONLY WANT TO SEEK HIS HELP ON HOW TO PRODUCE THE IMMORTALITY POTION!
In order to return to Hanzo-sama's arms.....
Glo
I WANT TO RETURN TO HAMMATSU QUICKLY.....
THOUGH HE'S A MEDICINE MAKER, HE'S ALSO A MURDERER.. WHY...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SUCH A SERIOUS OYAKATA.
IT'S SCARY
WHAT'S SO SCARY ABOUT A 200 OVER YEARS OLD GRAMPS?
WANT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON?
GRANDPA!
AH!
PLUNK
WE CAN'T DO THAT!

I'M.....
GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM.
EHHH?
USAGI?
THAT'S MY GRAND DAUGHTER!
IF IF A BEAR APPEARS,
I..I'LL CLUB IT WITH THIS!
Grab
DON'T BRING SUCH A TROUBLESOME THING
USAGI'S WEAPON IS ME, ISN'T IT!
GOEMON...
GRANDPA!
HAA!
KAA... AH!
I'm still in active shinobi!
I CAN BECOME A WEAPON TOO!
Crack

The next day
TANBA-SAMA!
OH?
WHERE'S USAGI?
ARA, HANZO ...
huff huff
THIS MORNING, I HEARD THAT USAGI HAD RETURNED HOME.....
GUH..
SHE LEFT LAST NIGHT.
IS THERE ANYTHING URGENT?
...NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT .....

PULL*?
HAVE YOU AND USAGI *CHU* YET?
PULL WHAT?
hmm's note: pull and chu sounds swimilar in japanese
TANBA-SAMA!
AH. NEVER MIND FORGET ABOUT
Not yet
IS SHE LOOKING WELL?
LET ME ASK YOU, HANZO,
hehemm
STEP STEP
If I told Hanzo that Usagi and the gang went to the Mountain of deaths, he would most likely give chase...!
COULD I BE ALLOWED TO VISIT THE GRAVES OF USAGI'S PARENTS?
MHM,
THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN EDGE.
GREATLY APPRECIATED.
But before that, Hanzo will definitely scold me for allowing Usagi and the rest enter the Mountain of deaths.
If anything happens to Hanzo due to this, I would probably be hated by the Hattori family ...
Even though I tried stopping them...
At this point of time, it's better to not say anything.

Libra Awwww how cute

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING USAGI...
INTO THIS WORLD.
SO THIS IS THE MOUNTAIN OF DEATHS .....
U-USAGI... I THINK IT'S BETTER NOT TO ENTER..
I'M GOING IN!
If I don't enter I'll never be able to advance forward!
Doki
Doki

With regards to Usagi,
I, Hanzo Hattori,
Will use the
rest of my life
to protect her.
To be continued ^__^
A Shoujo Crusade
and Enchanting
whispers projett

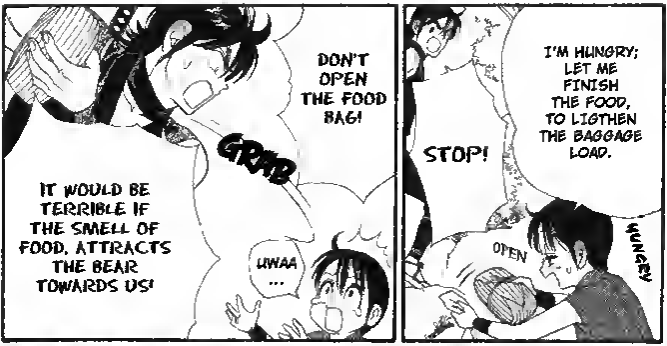
Shoujo Crusade is actually an asylum housing the most dangerously demented minds in Shoujo community.
NO!!
Our quest is world domination.
YOU TRICKED PEOPLE INTO THINKING YOU'RE A SCAN GROUP!!
SLAP
I was duped too!
AHH!
Clang
So come and join us!

That's right.
In 3 more days we'll officially hit 5 months. Quite an accomplishment we're still standing.
HAPPY 5TH MONTH ANNIVERSARY !!
>.< if you can't beat 'em join 'em!
OKAY LET'S GET IT STARTED!
And hopefully there will be many more to come.
ha ha ha
Now now you two, no PDA~
Awww...LET'S HOGGLE

We would like to wish you all a very happy April Fool's day. We hope you had a fun time both with being childish and reading our releases~_~.
We've reached the 3 month mark and in a month we'll reach half a year!! we'd like to thank all the staff who've helped us so much in keeping things going and being with us through thick and thin and also for those members who've always given us words of encouragements and your support.
we look forward growing old together XD
Enjoy today's release!!!

TSUKI
NO SHIPPO
CHAPTER 21

DIDN'T WE JUST REST NOT LONG AGO?
I... I WANT TO REST TOO ...
BUT ...
PRESS ON!
arf
arf
arf
arf
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
WAIT!
...
WAIT A MOMENT.
LET'S REST FOR A WHILE.
arf
AM... AM I SUCH A BOTHER?
THAT'S NOT IT! IT'S BECAUSE YUKI-CHAN LOOCKS SO TIRED ...
I.. I WANT TO CLIMB UP WITH YOU!
IF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT, YOU CAN ALWAYS BACKTRACK TO WHERE GREAT GRANDFATHER IS ...
YUKI CHAN ...
♪ MAMEZOU'S MANY DISGUISES ♪
JUST PUT IN A LITTLE MORE STRENGTH!
YOU'RE DOING GREAT MAMEZOU!
BOO ~ BOO ~
I... I HATE DOGS ...


DON'T OPEN THE FOOD BAG!
GRAB
IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF THE SMELL OF FOOD, ATTRACTS THE BEAR TOWARDS US!
UWAA ...
I'M HUNGRY; LET ME FINISH THE FOOD, TO LIGTHEN THE BAGGAGE LOAD.
STOP!
OPEN
HUNGRY

MAMEZOU IS RIGHT ...
BUT,
DON'T MAKE A FACE FULL OF HATRED ...
HUNGRY
HUNGRY
QUICKLY STAND UP
WE HAVE TO ENDURE TILL WE FIND A PLACE WHERE OUR VISION IS BETTER---

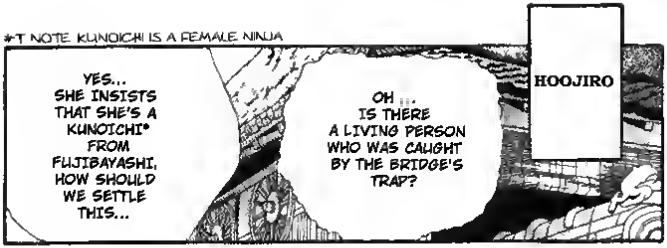
WAIT.. MAMEZOU, IS URIBOU MORE IMPORTANT THAN ME?
URIBOU IS MY FRIEND
STOP WHINING, HURRY AND CLIMB!
I WILL PROTECT URIBOU ...
THEY DECIDED TO FOLLOW ON THEIR OWN...
MAMEZOU WHY DID YOU BRING ALONG URIBOU AND USAMARU?
TO THE BEARS THEY ARE FOOD TOO!

ANGER
I MIGTH BE CLIMBING THIS MOUNTAIN WITH A LOAD OF FOOD ...
I'M HUNGRY!
I ... I'M TIRED ...
FOOD
YOU CANNOT EAT URIBOU!
PUFF
PUFF
UGH ...
A... A CLIFF ...
THERE IS A STRAY PATH OVER THERE ...
arf
arf
arf
arf
IF WE TAKE THE LONGER ROUTE, IT WOULD BE TOO LATE.
WHOOSH
WA!
4T
4T
ARE... ARE WE GONNA CLIMB THAT?

AHHHH!
UH~~~ UGH~~~
CLIMB ... CLIMB QUICKLY ...
UGH ……
USA-SAMA, YOU'RE HEAVY!
OKAY ...
YOU CAN CLIMB UP~~~
TOUCH
CHECK THAT IT'S SAFE.
POW POW
EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN TRAINING YOU FROM YOUNG...
HUG
THIS IS MUCH BETTER!
SFX: PAIN
UGH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
KER PLUNK
WAAAA!
AHHH!
AH IT'S HIGH!
DON'T STRUGGLE, YOU'LL FALL...
ALL THE BEST ~~~
I STILL HAVE TO TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH TWO TIMES ...
SIGH

OUCH ...
HANG IN THERE ---!
IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT?
DIDN'T IT HAPPEN BECAUSE YOU MOVED AROUND TOO MUCH?
DON'T MOVE THIS TIME ROUND!
IS ...
YOUR LEG HURTING?
I'M FINE, HURRY AND GET ON.
UGH ...
I CAN CLIMB ON MY OWN!
CHOMP
CHOMP
I'LL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A BITE ...
CHOMP
HANG IN THERE GOEMON NII-CHAN ...
!!
THIS IS BAD,
IT HAD TO HAVE A RELAPSE DURING SUCH TIMING ...

*T NOTE: KUNOICHI IS A FEMALE NINJA


HOOJIRO
OH ... IS THERE A LIVING PERSON WHO WAS CAUGHT BY THE BRIDGE'S TRAP?
YES... SHE INSISTS THAT SHE'S A KUNOICHI* FROM FUJIBAYASHI. HOW SHOULD WE SETTLE THIS...

LET ME OUT--- LET ME OUT OF HERE!
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU THAT YUURI'S GRANDFATHER IS A JOUNIN THE LEADER OF FUJIBAYASHI?
FUJI .. FUJIBAYASHI'S YUURI ...
EH... THE REAL PERSON?

I'M... I'M HERE TO SEE GOEMON-SAMA!
GOEMON?
AREN'T YOU ONE OF HATTORI HANZO'S BRIDE CANDIDATES?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
I'M GOING TO COMPLAIN TO GRANDFATHER!
FUJIBAYASHI'S YUURI, FOR WHAT REASON ARE YOU HERE IN HOOJIRO?

[I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO STAY HERE AS MY BRIDE CANDIDATE ANYMORE]
[YUURI]
THIS MORNING HANZO-SAMA SAID TO ME ...
YUURI IS NO LONGER HANZO-SAMA'S BRIDE CANDIDATE.
HAA?
[I HAVE SOMEONE I LOVE NOW]
AC... ACTUALLY ...
SO, WHERE'S GOEMON-SAMA?
MUMM —
I BET HE'S WITH USAGI!?
DOES... DOES THAT REFER TO USAGI?
WHO KNOWS?
ANYWAY IT HAS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YUURI ANYMORE ...

KYAA!
AH ?
WHAT'S WRONG?
JUMP
USA-SAMA!
GU
IT'S BABY BEARS!
how CUTE!
AAH~
THESE BABY BEARS ARE SO CUTE~~~
I WANT TO REAR A BEAR---
HUG
HUG
PAT
PAT
DON'T... DON'T TOUCH THEM!

BAMM
RUN
LET GO OF THE BEARS AND QUICKLY CLIMB TO A HIGHER GROUND ...
MY LEG ...
IS IMMOBILIZED
UGH!
RRRR
GOEMON?
SFX: CRASH, BANG

ROAR!

GYAAA!
SHAKE
SHAKE
!!
AH WA...
USAGI!
PIC
GRR
GRR
UWAAA...
LET GO OF USAGI!
YOU... YOU HORRIBLE BEAR.
OUCH!
BANG
BANG
SE-DOK

BANG
BANG
BBOOT
PIC
DAMN IT, AT SUCH A TIME ...
RRR
RRR
WAA!
AH!
AHHHHH!
THIS IS BAD ...
THIS IS REALLY BAD ...
AHHHH!
KA... KATANA!
AH?
USAGI ...
JUMP

WA!
SFX: KICK
AH!
PAU
LAND
SFX:BAMM

YUU...
YUURI?
DOKI
GOEMON-SAMA...
♡

THIS WOMAN HAS A FOUL MOUTH...
BUT, AREN'T YOU THE ONE THAT SAVED ME?
I'LL NEVER WANT TO TOUCH A BEAR AGAIN...
PEOPLE LIKE USAGI SHOULD JUST BE EATEN UP BY THE BEAR!
YOU STUPID WOMAN!
JUST LET IT REST.
YUURI ONLY INTENDED TO SAVE GOEMON-SAMA!

YUURI, HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WERE HERE?
DOKI
IT'S MY PLEASURE!
THANK YOU, YUURI.
IT WAS ALL BECAUSE YOU CAME ...

YUURI,
YUKI-CHAN IS MY MEDICINE MAKING SEMPAI FROM HAMAMATSU.
NICE... NICE TO MEET YOU...
AM?!
HE'S PRETTIER THAN ME!

USAGI ...
THIS PERSON IS...
EH?
I FOUND OUT WHEN I WAS AT HOOJIRO.
YUURI LIKE ME, IS HANZO-SAMA'S BRIDE CANDIDATE, AND ALSO A KUNOICHI.

BEFORE THAT, YUURI IS NO LONGER HANZO-SAMA'S BRIDE CANDIDATE.
EH?
BIBBN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YUURI ...
CANNOT HIDE HER FEELINGS ANYMORE.
SO... SO, AM I THE ONLY ONE LEFT AS HANZO-SAMA'S BRIDE CANDIDATE?

SEX: YAYII

WHO KNOWS?
WHO IS IT?
MAYBE IT'S BIG SISTER YUUNA SAMA?
HE
SOMEONE
SOMEONE HE LOVES?
HANZO-SAMA SAID THAT HE ALREADY HAS SOMEONE HE LOVES.
BIG SISTER YUUNA-SAMA HAS ALSO BECOME A BRIDE CANDIDATE.
EHH?
YUU... YUURI'S ELDER SISTER IS THE ONE THAT IS PRETTIER AND BETTER AT HIKITSU THAN YUURI RIGHT?
Y-YOU!

ACTUALLY BIG SISTER HAS RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE ALREADY---
WHO KNOWS?
SHAKE
HAS... HAS IT BEEN DECIDED THAT IT WILL BE THAT PERSON?
THE ... THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO PRODUCE THE IMMORTALITY POTION, THEN RETURN TO IGA..
OUCH!
WAI WAI
W-WHAT SHOULD ... SHOULD I DO?
YUKI-CHAN, PLEASE LOOK AT HIM!
OH, OH YEAH!
IS YOUR LEG HURTING?
WAS INFLICTED BY SOMEONE RIGHT?
OUCH!
HE BROKE HIS LEG IN EARLY SPRING, THE CONDITION DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...
IT'S HERE RIGHT.
THIS BONE FRACTURE ...

YOU'RE ... YOU'RE WRONG!
AHH
ISN'T IT THE SAME FOR YOUR RIGHT LEG TOO?
OUCH!
GOEMON'S BOTH LEGS ARE NOT MOVABLE?
WHO... WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
YUURI WILL TAKE REVENGE FOR YOU!
IT... IT WAS JUST MY CARELESSNESS DURING A JOB
I'M GOING TO GRAB SOME HERBS ...
I'LL GO WITH YOU.

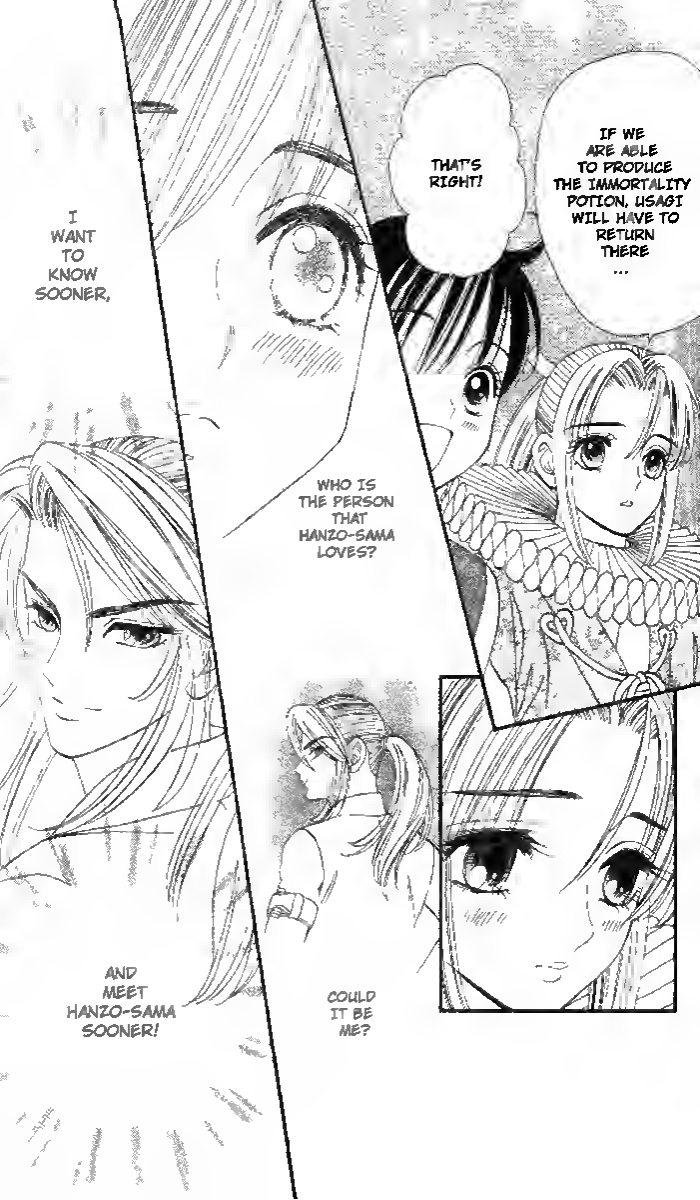
MAMEZOU, YOU'LL RAISE THE FIRE.
YUURI, I'M SORRY BUT WOULD YOU MIND FETCHING SOME WATER?
SURE!
UH... OKAY ...
WAIT.
ME TOO ...
GRAB
RUN

TSK
TSK
TEC
TEC
TEC
GIVE IT TO ME.
ELBOW
TSK
IT LIT ---
MAMEZOU, YOU MUST GROW UP QUICKLY!
TCK
TCK
FU!
EH?
GROW UP QUICKLY, AND PROTECT USAGI.
WHAT ABOUT GOEMON NII-CHAN?
MY LEGS CAN NO LONGER PROTECT USAGI.

USA... USA-SAMA WILL CREATE A MEDICINE TO CURE YOUR LEGS!
IT'LL BE GREAT IF THAT'S THE CASE.
BUT IN THE MEAN TIME, WHO'S GONNA PROTECT HER?
TK
GOEMON NII-CHAN ...
ARE YOU DYING?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE!
DON'T BLINDLY KILL ME,
WHAT I'M SAYING IS NOT THIS ...
MAMEZOU, WHAT IS YOUR MISSION?
YEAH ...
SUCH A CRYBABY IS INCAPABLE OF PROTECTING USAGI
SNIF
TO... TO PROTECT USA-SAMA ...
THAT'S RIGHT.

I'VE FOUND THE AOTSUZURAHUJI*.
PROTECTING USAGI'S SMILE IS OUR MISSION ...
BECAUSE GOEMON WAS ALWAYS SMILING, I DID NOT REALIZE...
I TOTALLY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT GOEMON HAD HURT BOTH HIS LEGS---
I WILL HAVE TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF HIM IN THE FUTURE ...
THAT PLACE FULL OFF YELLOW FARMLAND IS HOOJIRO ---
AND NEAR THE MOUNTAIN STRAIGHT ACROSS, IS HANZO-SAMA'S HOMETOWN, SEIGACHI!
YUKI-CHAN, COME OVER HERE, YOU CAN VIEW IGA FROM HERE!

*T NOTE: THE AOTSUZURAHUJI IS A TYPE OF PLANT WITH BLUISH-PURPLE FRUITS THAT LOOK LIKE BERRIES. YOU USE FOR THE DIURESIS, AND PAIN KILLING AND SOLUTION HEAT ETC.


IF WE ARE ABLE TO PRODUCE THE IMMORTALITY POTION, USAGI WILL HAVE TO RETURN THERE ...
THAT'S RIGHT!
I WANT TO KNOW SOONER,
WHO IS THE PERSON THAT HANZO-SAMA LOVES?
COULD IT BE ME?
AND MEET HANZO-SAMA SOONER!

HANZO SAMA!!!
SHOCKED!
W-WHAT?
IT GIVES YOU A DRIVE!
YUKI-CHAN SHOULD TRY IT TOO, YOU'LL FEEL A LOT MORE RELAXED.
A DRIVE?
HANZO SAMA... WAIT FOR ME...
MY LORD...
YOU'RE DOING GREAT, KEEP IT UP.

PLEASE STOP BEING SO UNREASONABLE!
STOP INSTRUCTING US TO MAKE THE IMMORTALITY POTION!
TH...AT'S RIG...HT!
BUT, WE WILL STILL WORK HARD!
POOR THING,
THAT MEDICINE MAKER HAS BEEN INFECTED BY USAGI'S STUPIDITY ...
USA-SAMA?
THEY'RE SO ENERGETIC.
YEAHHH!
OHH~~
I'M HEARING USAGI'S NONSENSICAL CRIES.
OH YEAH?
SO SHE'S STILL SAFE!

HOW SHAMEFUL.
I'VE BECOME THE MOST USELESS ONE HERE ...
UGH... HANZO-SAMA...

GUU
HUUUU
AM SATISFIED AS LONG AS I CAN PROTECT USAGI'S SMILE
TO BE CONTINUED..
SHOUJO CRUSADE